

**RESOLUTION NO. 14
SERIES 2006**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON,
COLORADO, SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF GRADUATE PROGRAMS AT
WESTERN STATE COLLEGE OF COLORADO.**

WHEREAS, Western State College was established in Gunnison in 1901, to meet the higher education needs of rural Western Slope Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Western State College awarded its first master's degree in 1921 and offered successful graduate programs for sixty-nine years; and

WHEREAS, Western State College has a long-standing tradition and commitment of providing a high quality education to local, state, national and international students; and

WHEREAS, Western State College is an integral part of the City of Gunnison community, providing high quality educational opportunities and producing highly skilled and educated citizens, and

WHEREAS, Western State College is one of the largest economic contributors to the local economy, as an employer and for the economic contributions the students make to the City; and

WHEREAS, the termination of the graduate programs at Western State College in 1990, was not only detrimental to the local economy by decreasing the number of students attending the College, but also severely limited the ability of City residents to locally pursue post-graduate education; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the Colorado General Assembly statutorily designated Western as a regional education provider, which reasserted the College's responsibilities to meet the educational needs of the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, THAT:

The City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado, unanimously supports the development of legislation that would amend Western State College's statutory role and mission to include authorization to offer graduate programs.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado, this 12th day of December, 2006.

Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

City Clerk

